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Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MITSUHASHI et al.) Group Art Unit: 1651
Application No.: 10/519,212) Examiner: Herbert J. LILLING
371(c) Date: December 27, 2004) Confirmation No.: 7322
I.A. Filing Date: June 27, 2003)
For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING)
LACTONE)

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

APPLICANTS' STATEMENT OF INTERVIEW SUMMARY

The undersigned now provides a statement of the substance of the interview she had with Examiner Lilling on January 23, 2006. The undersigned thanks Examiner Lilling for the interview, and appreciates the Examiner's willingness to discuss Applicants' concern regarding a restriction election.

During the interview, the undersigned and Examiner Lilling discussed that in the January 12, 2006 Office Action, only the election of Claim 22 was acknowledged, when Applicants had actually elected Group I (Claims 1-12, and 14-21), and sought to include amended Claim 22 as part of this group. *See* December 15, 2005 Amendment and Response to Office Action at 10.

Examiner Lilling indicated his willingness to correct the incomplete Office Action, and to issue a corrected Office Action reflecting Applicants' elections. Examiner Lilling also agreed to re-start the clock from the date of the corrected Office Action.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Interview Summary and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 2, 2006

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